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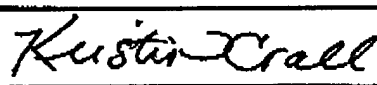
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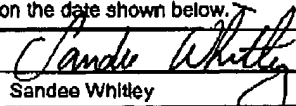
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Madam:

In response to the Examiner's phone call that the response filed on April 14, 2006 needed some formal corrections, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.